

In re: Nicholls
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isolating the set of rules by which the shipper ships from the ruled by which the carrier transports.

86. (Amended) A delivery management tool, comprising:

at least one rate server having rate information based upon a set of rules by which a carrier delivers;

at least one client configured to collect input information from a user;

at least one supervisory server including at least one computer configured to provide registration services to facilitate communication between the rate server and the client via a client/server architecture utilizing an inter-process communication mechanism, said communication being independent of said supervisory server; and

whereby the rules by which the user operates are isolated from the set of rules by which the carrier delivers.

Please add new claim 100:

100. (New) The logistics management method of claim 55, further comprising the step of providing at least one supervisory server configured to provide registration services to facilitate communication between the rate server and the client.

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action dated September 25, 2001. Applicant initially notes with appreciation the indication by the Examiner in the Final Office Action that Claims 1-89 and 99 are in condition for allowance. In response to the Final Office Action, Applicant has cancelled rejected claims 90-98. Additionally, Applicant has amended two previously allowed claims and added one dependent claim. No new matter is added by this amendment. Specifically, the claim language 'interprocess communication mechanism' (amended claim 55) is referenced in the application at col. 2, line 4 and col. 4, lines